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Minutes of 125th Meeting held in J.I.S.P.B. on Monday. 5 February 1945, at 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Colonel George W. Bicknell, G-2, Chairman Major Ford L. Battles, A-2 Capt. L. Liberto (alternate)

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ALSO PRESENT

Lt. Cdr. D. J. Clinton, Staff Major H. H. Rasche, Staff Lt. L. O. Quam, Staff Lt. A. W. Van Rees, Staff

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SECRETARIAT

Lt. Col. G. H. Kountz Capt. P. P. Sobo

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Minutes of 124th meeting were read by the Chairman, and approved as read.

1. GENERAL

reported on "JANET" -- JOINT ARMY-NAVY Captain Liberto and EXPERIMENTAL AND TESTING BOARD -- located at Fort Pierce, Florida. The mission of the JANET Board is experimentation, development and realistic testing of equipment and technique for the breaching of underwater and beach obstacles that interfere with the normal grounding of landing craft and discharge of troops and supplies in an amphibious operation. Monthly reports of progress are made covering the work performed. Captain Liberto was directed to secure a copy of the report for review by JISPB.

Captain Liberto reported that a procedure for an orderly flow of graphic material from Graphic to Production Sections is now in operation.

Navy P-3 had requested Cdr. Clinton, Editor-in-Chief, to change the direction in describing the coast and beaches in JANIS 75 from counter-clockwise to that as indicated in Coast Pilots. After a discussion of the reasons pro and con, it was concluded that present instruction will stand; the coast will be described in a counter-clockwise direction. P-3 will be informed of this decision with explanation of reasons therefor, together with reason for making exceptions in two previous JANIS publications.

Major Battles brought up the subject of AAF Interim Reports, which are kept up-to-date. These reports could be of possible use to JANIS. Major Battles will obtain a copy covering the same area as JANIS 157, and also a copy covering the island included in JANIS 77.

The Chairman again reminded the conferees that any suggestion for the improvement of JANIS will be appreciated and will receive consideration.

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Efforts for improving JANIS should be continued, including the review and investigation of all possible material and sources that would contribute to the usefulness of JANIS. As an example, the communications chapter was discussed with the possibility of including any man-made or natural interferences; permanent lines facilities or installations in use or abandoned; special equipment and devices; etc. Any information that could be of possible use to the planners before and after operations should be considered.

2. PIANNING

Lt. Quam reported that a meeting on the "Climate & Weather" chapter was held on Friday, 2 February 1945. Representatives from G-2, JMC, Navy Meteorological Section, Weather Division, and the Quartermaster Corps, were present and appointed Colonel Poole, the senior present, as Chairman. It was concluded by the conferees that Col. Poole would prepare a map showing the breakdown of regions and submit same to the contributor who, would prepare a detailed climatic report on the regions outlined. At this time, the text material will be included in Chapter Volume however, a climatic map will be included in Chapter II. A further discussion of this matter brought out that meteorology and climatology were to be treated as two subjects, and that the QMC had much valuable material that could be of use to JANIS. Lt. Quam was directed to get sample material from QMC for possible use in JANIS 75.

Lt. Quam recommended that an individual be designated in-charge of all map procurement for JANIS, and as editor of "Map Evaluations." Decision held in abeyance until the return of Captain McCaskill.

EDITORIAL

Cdr. Clinton reported that:

JANIS 73 is now completed except for "Brief" and "Gazetteer & Map Evaluation." "Brief" will be ready tomorrow (6th), and "Gazetteer & Map Evaluation" sometime this week.

JANIS 77 material has been received except for a few maps. Schedule has been set up and a steady flow of material to compositor is expected. An AAF Interim Report (published in 1943 with up-to-date amendments) will be a useful reference; Major Battles will obtain a copy.

Some graphic material received from OSS could be reduced to JANIS page size without losing or obscuring any details. Cdr. Clinton presented a piece of graphic material (app. 20" x 30") as an example for discussion.

4. PRODUCTION

Lt. Van Rees reported that all bulk shipments on JANIS 78 have been made. In view of the many obvious production difficulties experienced by GARBER, it was a job well done.

GARBER will advise this week when advance copies of JANIS 73 chapters will be delivered.

JANIS 77 chapters will start going to compositors tomorrow (6th).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

GEORGE H. KOUNTZ, Lt. Col., G.S.C.,

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